

## **FEBRUARY 2017 AWARDS MONTHLY**

1. Bronze Wreath of Merit: **Lieutenant Patrick M. Phipps #1726, Sergeant Jason R. Bartel #2051, Sergeant Daniel G. Oblinger #2110, Detective Richard R. Baker #1606, Detective Jason R. Cates #1797, Detective Paul J. Herman #1661, Detective Blake E. Mumma #1415, Detective Robert J. Shea #1643 , Sean Fitzgerald.**

Listed personnel, along with Special Agent Sean Fitzgerald, conducted a two year human sex trafficking investigation. Numerous victims were identified and two suspects were charged with numerous federal crimes.

2. Bronze Wreath of Merit: **Sergeant Daniel G. Oblinger #2110, Detective Richard R. Baker #1606, Detective Jason R. Cates #1797, Detective Robert J. Shea #1643.**

Beginning in 2010, the Wichita Vice Section identified a main suspect in facilitating human sex trafficking through parlors in and around Wichita. After Detectives Baker, Shea and Cates conducted a lengthy and technically complicated investigation the suspect was arrested, indicted, and ultimately convicted in Federal Court.

3. Bronze Wreath of Merit: **Officer Paul J. Zamorano #1783.**

Officer Zamorano was driving in the area when he observed a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle associated with a robbery. Officer Zamorano initiated a traffic stop and placed both suspects in custody. After being positively identified by the victims, the suspects were transported to Investigations and interviewed by detectives.

4. Bronze Wreath of Merit: **Officer Bradley D. Crouch #2055.**

Officer Crouch and Maize P.D. Officer Rudrow responded to a call of a disturbance knowing it involved a stolen auto that had been taken during a robbery. The officers knew the suspect indicated a handgun during the robbery and upon arrival the officers made an attempt to place the suspect in custody. The officers used the least amount of force necessary to place the suspect in custody after he rammed a police vehicle and another vehicle in an attempt to escape.